

REMARKS

In response to the action, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 4. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks:

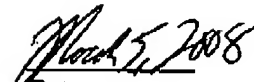
Applicants amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4. In particular, claim 1 includes the degree of substitution and the molecular weight of the carboxy methyl cellulose. The specification, at paragraph 10, lines 7 to 9 provides a basis for the limitation. In addition, Applicants amended claim 4 to include the substitution and molecular weight ranges of paragraph 10, lines 9 and 10. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments enter no new matter.

The action rejects claims 1 to 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Goldberg et al. (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0136671) or Thomas et al. (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0104048). In response to the rejection, Applicants transferred the limitations of claim 4 into claim 1. Thus, since claim 1 now includes the limitations of claim 4, the rejection to claims 1 to 3 becomes moot.

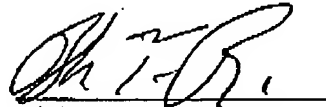
The action rejects claims 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Goldberg et al. (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0136671) or Thomas et al. (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0104048). Goldberg et al. and Thomas et al. each have the common assignee of Rodel Holdings, Inc. The present application has an assignee of Rohm and Haas Electronic Materials CMP Holdings, Inc., formerly known as Rodel Holdings, Inc.—see attachment. Thus, since each application had a common assignee at the time of the invention, the rejection is not proper under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in proper form for allowance. If a telephone call would expedite prosecution, please call Applicants' attorney at (302) 283-2136.

Respectfully submitted,


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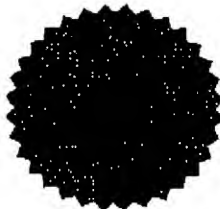
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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF "RODEL HOLDINGS, INC.", CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "RODEL HOLDINGS, INC." TO "ROHM AND HAAS ELECTRONIC MATERIALS CMP HOLDINGS, INC.", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2004, AT 5:56 O'CLOCK P.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT IS THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2004.

*Harriet Smith Windsor*

Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

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